MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): *Taravila* on *puduval* lands is fixed with due regard to their situation with reference to roads, rivers, markets and the like as required by Rule 9 of the *Puduval Rules*, dated the 25th February 1923. If lands in the same survey number are similar in all respects, varying rates of *taravila* are not likely to be fixed by Tahsildars. When big minor circuits are divided into several sub-numbers, the rates may sometimes vary, if their situation, fertility, etc., are not the same.

Water scarcity in Shencotta Town.

250. **MR. H. B. MAHOMED ROWTHER** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any scheme from the Shencotta Municipal Council for remedying the water scarcity in the town?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No. The President, Municipal Council, Shencotta, reports that the Council has not yet arrived at a definite scheme in regard to the supply of good drinking water to the town and that the question is engaging its attention.

Appointment of clerks in the Registration Department.

251. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of acting clerks who are working at present (15-11-1104) in the Registration Department and who have passed the Registration Entrance Examination;

(*b*) the number of those who have passed this examination and acted as clerks, but, who are now (15-11-1104) out of employment;

(*c*) the number of those who are acting as clerks now (15-11-1104), but, who have not passed this examination;

(*d*) whether those who have not passed this examination have been appointed as clerks permanently or temporarily, when those who have passed the said examination and have had previous acting service are available;

(*e*) if so, the number of hands entertained in each case; and

(*f*) the reasons for making such appointments?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 11.

(*b*) 32.

(*c*) 30.

(*d*) Yes, only as temporary clerks.

(*e*) 27 temporary.

(*f*) In order to satisfy the demand for communal representation in the Department, men with English School Leaving Certificate qualification had to be chosen in the absence of men with Registration Entrance qualification in particular communities.

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